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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Fixed Service providers and Limited Mobility Operators have been allowed to operate the Central Switch system which are normally used by Cellular Operators;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the G.O.T., I.Ts and the TRAI's recommendations in this regard have been fully implemented ; and
- (d) if not , the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): After considering the recommendations of TRAI, The Basic Telephone Service providers have been allowed to provide hand - held telephone sets to their subscribers on Wireless Access Systems in local area/ Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs), typically Tehsils. Such systems are to be engineered to be connected to Telephone Exchange of Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) on Access Network protocol based on National standards for V5.2 as prescribed by Telecom Engineering Centre or an approved improved version with latest technology.